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U.S. Basic National Fee.

Copy of the international application in:

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Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.

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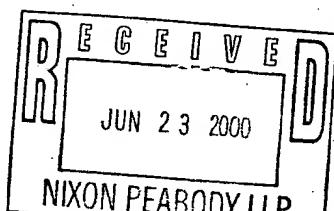
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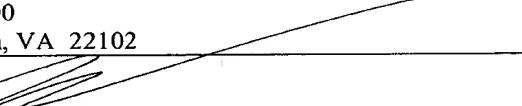
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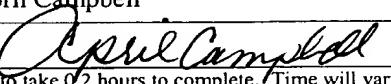
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Application Number	09/554,599
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Art Unit	2877
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